

The Jungle Book Chapter 1 Vocabulary

Jackal: A small animal like a dog that eats what other animals leave.

Despise: Not to like or respect.

Gossip: To tell stories about people that might not be true

Hydrophobia: Also called rabies - a very dangerous disease.

Stiff: Polite but not relaxed

Mischief: Trouble caused deliberately

Right Something other people can't stop you from doing.

Warning: Telling others to expect something bad.

Game: Animals hunted for meat or sport

Cattle: Cows and bulls.

Alight: Burning.

Snap: To say quickly and angrily

Snarl: The sound a dog makes before it bites.

Bullock A kind of bull used in farming.

Bewilder: Confuse

Gypsy: People who do not live in one place

Forbid: To not allow

Gongs: Metal dishes which are beaten to make a noise

Mangy: A disease which makes animals lose their fur.

Charge: Here it means running to attack.

Howl: A mixture of a shout and a scream

Sense: Here it means intelligence.

Twitch: A sudden small movement.

Bound: A jump from standing still

Shot: Moved very quickly

Snapped: Said quickly but very strongly.

Scratch: Make a small break in the skin.

Bold: Brave and not shy.

Boast: Talk a lot about something that makes you proud

Pack: Wolves that live together

Forepaws: Front feet.

Blazing: As if there was a fire in them

Sambhur: A large male deer.

Starved: Dying of hunger

Bush-tailed: Having big hairy tails.

Council: A meeting to decide something

Revenge: Wanting to hurt someone because they hurt you

Clear: Easy to understand

Inspected: Looked at carefully.

Lone: Living or being alone

Trap: A machine for catching things

Anxious: Worried

Free People: The wolves' name for themselves

Approve: To say something is good

Speak for: To give approval to (BESPEAK)

Hind quarters: Back legs

Panther: A large wild cat

Cunning: Practical intelligence

Shame: To feel bad about what other people think of you.

Scorch: Burn without fire

Conference: A discussion, a conversation about what to do

Train: To teach and give practice

Lead: In English you 'lead' (live) a life.

Breath: Here it means a soft wind

Bur: A grass seed that sticks in clothes and hair

Curious: Interested in how something works
Praise: Say that something is wonderful
Dare: Be brave enough to do something
Growl: The sound of an angry dog
Clear Here it means so it could not be misunderstood
Palm: A tropical tree.
Pig-nuts: A kind of tropical food (hickory).
Mischief: Trouble caused for fun.
Glossy: Your (old English)
Bald: With no hair on it.
Mark: A sign that something has happened
Oodeypore A city in India
Plaything: Toy.
Affectionately: With liking that is almost love.
Steadily: Without moving or changing much
Careless: Not paying attention to something
Twilight: The time between night and daylight
Fainter: Here it means 'more quiet'
Pant: Try hard to breathe
Fodder: Animal food
Hut: A small, primitive house.
Plaster: A hard, dry covering
As a sign: To show
Flatter: To say nice things you don't mean
Gathered: All come to one place
Dare: Be brave enough to do
Weary: Very tired.
Fresh: Not tired
Right: Something that cannot be taken away
Hush: Silence
Doomed: Unable to escape what will happen
Folly: Stupidity, foolish idea
Marrow: The soft stuff inside a bone.
Clamour: To make a noise
Pledge: Promise
Howl: The sound that wolves make at the moon
Bare: Show
Will: Here it means 'want'
Jabber: Fast, incomprehensible speech
Tuft: A small piece growing straight up
Flare: To suddenly become bright and hot
Cower: To make yourself small because you are scared.
Piteous: Causing pity
Quiver: Shake quickly
Companionship: Friendship.
Betray: To tell secrets
Thus: In this way.
Ram: A mixture of push and hit
Gullet: Throat
Singed: Slightly burned
Will: Here it means 'what I want'
Lolling: Hanging loosely.
Sob: To cry while breathing
Farewell: Goodbye.
Hide: Skin and fur
Break: Here it means 'happen'
Mysterious: Strange and hard to understand